



**Sunday, October 10, 2021**



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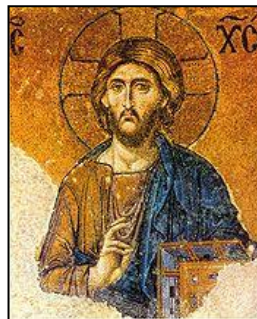
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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 10, 2021

**FR. GEORGE IS TRAVELING TODAY AND THANKS FR. KEN ANTHONY  
FOR BEING OUR GUEST LITURGIST THIS MORNING.**

**ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH  
COMMEMORATES Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs; Our Righteous  
Father Theophilus the Confessor; Pinytos, Bishop of Knossos; The  
200 Monk-martyrs of Nicomedia; Vassianos the Righteous of  
Constantinople; The 14 Holy Elders of Optina Monastery; & Paulinus,  
Archbishop of York. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have  
mercy on us and save us. Amen.***

## **Thank You for Your Understanding**

We welcome our parishioners who are attending services in person today and we also welcome those who are viewing our online video streaming at home. Let us comply with the guidelines we have provided everyone. We appreciate your kind understanding in following them. Fr. George is deeply appreciative to you and all who are assisting during worship services.

Parishioners and visitors who are sick are asked to remain at home to recover and rest. We strongly encourage all parishioners who visit to resume wearing masks to slow the spread of the Delta variant in response to [His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios' request to our Clergy and Parish Councils](#) to do so.

*Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.*

## **SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE**

### **1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

### **3. Hymn of Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

#### **4. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

#### **5. Kontakion – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

#### **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts.

– St. John Chrysostom

#### **Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Matthew 28:16-20)**

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.*

#### **Epistle Reading for Today (2 Corinthians 6:1-10)**

*As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see,*

*now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 7:11-16)**

*Luke 7:11 Soon afterwards He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. 12 As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on His people!"*

#### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

**"Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."**

*(Ps. 62:8)*

## PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A small boy was consistently late coming home from school. His parents warned him one day that he must be home on time that afternoon, but nevertheless, he arrived later than ever. His mother met him at the door and said nothing. His father met him in the living room and said nothing.

At dinner that night, the boy looked at his plate. There was a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but his father remained silent. The boy was crushed. The father waited for the full impact to sink in, then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate of meat and potatoes, put it in front of the boy, and smiled at his son. When that boy grew up, he said, "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night." *For me, this story is a stark reminder of the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made in our behalf. Indeed, God's grace is a costly gift.*



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On this the 877<sup>th</sup> Sunday of our St. Christopher's parish community, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support. Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women, and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia area for the glory of God!

## COMMUNITY SCHEDULE (CHECK WEB CALENDAR FOR MORE...)

Sunday, October 10 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy, Blessing of 5 Loaves/October Commemorations**

**10:45 am Religious Education Classes** (*Fr. George's Class will not have a lesson today since he is away. Please use today to catch up on your reading through Chapter 4: "The Cross and the Hammer-&-Sickle"*)

*Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!*



## ***“Your Own from Your Own”***

Archimandrite Nikon Koutsidis wrote the following reflection reprinted from <https://pemptousia.com>. It focuses on forgiving others. +Fr. George Tsahakis

One time when Jesus was going to Jerusalem, He wanted to stop at a Samaritan village. He sent messengers to prepare for His arrival, but the Samaritans were unwilling to accept Him, because He was on His way to Jerusalem. “When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, ‘*Lord, do You want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them as Elijah did?*’. But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ‘*You do not know of what spirit you are; the Son of Man has not come to destroy souls, but to save them*’” (Luke 9:54-56).

This is why it’s necessary for us to know, on each occasion:

- \* *what we are asking of Christ and how we are asking it;*
- \* *what we are offering to Christ and how we are offering it.*

In the middle of the Divine Liturgy, just before he blesses the bread and wine to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ, the Priest proclaims:

*“We offer You Your Own from Your Own, in all things and for all things”.*

These words mean:

“The gifts (the bread and wine) are Yours, from among Your creations (the whole world). We offer them to You in accordance with what Your Son taught us (in all things) and for everything You have done for us (for all things).

So, it is not enough for us to offer our gifts to God as if we were fulfilling some obligation, or to ask for something.

We offer gifts to Christ:

- \* In order to express to Him our thanks/gratitude for everything He’s done and suffered for us, particularly for the Cross, the Tomb and the Resurrection.
- \* And because He commanded and instructed us to do so.

The Lord says: First comes forgiveness and reconciliation with those who have something against us. Then comes the material or spiritual offering to Christ. Any prayer from a heart full of malice does not ascend to heaven.

Our participation in the Divine Liturgy requires effort: rectification of our passions and confession to a spiritual guide. Only then, if we are well-pleasing to Christ, can we ask anything of Him, with boldness and free speaking.